

Dear Sir/Madam:

I would like to express my concern with adopting the Broadband Over Power Line (BPL) concept for the transmission of Internet data. Tests conducted by the American Radio Relay League and others have demonstrated that this concept will invariably create a serious interference problem with the Amateur Radio Service as well as other valuable services operating within the HF spectrum. Amateur Radio over the years has provided a much needed service to the United States. Amateur radio operators represent a first line of defense when normal communication systems fail during emergencies and other communication outages. Today when homeland defense is of paramount importance, the need for volunteer service through amateur radio cannot be ignored or underestimated. With this in mind, I highly recommend that the FCC discontinue support for BPL and consider other more reliable means to transmit Internet data without the potential for serious interference to valuable public services like Amateur Radio.

Best Regards,

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